

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-66 (Cancelled).

67 (New). An isolated polypeptide comprising amino acid residues 118 to 165 of SEQ ID NO:5.

68 (New). A pharmaceutical composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 67.

69 (New). An isolated DNA molecule encoding the polypeptide of claim 67.

70 (New). The isolated DNA molecule of claim 69, comprising nucleotides 459 to 602 of SEQ ID NO:1.

71 (New). An expression vector comprising the DNA molecule of claim 69.

72 (New). A host cell transformed with the DNA molecule of claim 69.

73 (New). A method for preparing a polypeptide, comprising:

culturing the host cell of claim 72 to express a polypeptide comprising amino acid residues 118 to 165 of SEQ ID NO:5; and

recovering the expressed polypeptide.

74 (New) . The polypeptide of claim 67, which consists of amino acid residues 118 to 165 of SEQ ID NO:5.

75 (New) . A pharmaceutical composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 74.

76 (New) . An isolated DNA molecule encoding the polypeptide of claim 74.

77 (New) . The isolated DNA molecule of claim 76 consisting of nucleotides 459 to 602 of SEQ ID NO:1.

78 (New) . An expression vector comprising the DNA molecule of claim 76.

79 (New) . A host cell transformed with the DNA molecule of claim 76.

80 (New) . A method for preparing a polypeptide, comprising:

culturing the host cell of claim 79 to express a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 118 to 165 of SEQ ID NO:5; and

recovering the expressed polypeptide.

81 (New) . A method for treating arthritis, comprising administering to an individual in need thereof the polypeptide of claim 74.

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82 (New). The method of claim 81, wherein the arthritis treated is rheumatoid arthritis.

83 (New). A method for inducing a Th2 type immunoresponse, comprising contacting Th2 lymphocytes with the polypeptide of claim 74 to induce Th2 lymphocytes to secrete Th2 type cytokines.

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IN THE SEQUENCE LISTING

Please substitute the attached Sequence Listing section
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